



## News Notes

**The MPF min manning Feb. 24** – The 15th Mission Support Squadron Customer Service Section (ID cards) is open Feb. 24 with minimum manning. For MPF-related emergencies, contact 449-8621.

**Book donations needed** – Hickam Friends of the Library is seeking donations of your used fiction and nonfiction books in good condition. Bi-quarterly book sales are held to raise funds for the Hickam Library. The next sale is set for Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Paperback purchases are 25 cents and hardbacks are \$1. The sale is located in Building 1711 on Kuntz Avenue next to the Airman's Attic.

**Asia Pacific American Heritage meeting is Wednesday** – The Asia Pacific American Heritage Committee will host its second meeting Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the PACAF Regional Supply Squadron Conference Room (building 1073.) Maximum support is requested to help prepare for two upcoming festive events in May. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. El Marcelo Rone at 448-3465 or Barry Wood at 449-8961.

**Blood Drive Thursday** – This month's Hickam blood drive is Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Community Center. Call Staff Sgt. Mariel Rivera at 449-4923 for an appointment.

**Volunteers needed for "Hats off campaign"** – March is National Red Cross Month when we recognize all the support provided to the community by the local Red Cross and its volunteers.

A minimum of 40 volunteers from Hickam are requested to assist other military members, firefight-

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# San Diego Brees reaches Hickam

NFL Pro Bowler gains Air Force experience and insight and delivers positive messages to youth athletes and Airmen

By 1st Lt. Craig Savage  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The NFL and the Air Force teamed up Wednesday to record one of the first touchdowns of Pro Bowl week.

Drew Brees, San Diego Chargers Pro Bowl quarterback, visited Hickam Air Force Base to experience part of the Air Force mission and meet with Hickam's youth athletes, parents, and Airmen.

"I had a great time. It's great being able to have the opportunity to visit the Air Force," said Brees.

"Every opportunity Brian (Schottenheimer, Chargers quarterback coach) and I get to

go and interact with the military and tell them how much we appreciate them and respect them, we like to take advantage of it," said Brees.

The Hawaii Air National Guard and the 15th Airlift Wing partnered up to show Brees and Schottenheimer a piece of the Air Force mission.

The two Chargers met the air and ground crews of the KC-135 Stratotanker for briefings on the mission that they would be flying. Brees and Schottenheimer had front row seats to all the action as the tanker later launched to refuel a pair of F-15C Eagles.

On departure, the two listened in on the aircrew coordination and later joined boom operator Master Sgt. Krisella Oka at the rear of the jet to prepare for the refueling part of the mission.

"Going up in the KC-135

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson

Master Sgt. Krisella Oka, Hawaii Air National Guard, goes over the steps to refueling on a KC-135 with Drew Brees, San Diego Chargers quarterback, and Brian Schottenheimer, Chargers QB coach, during their Hickam visit Feb. 9.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

## The Carnival is Here!

Swade Itula, EK Fernandez carnival employee, keeps an eye on the "Zipper" as it rises off the bed of the trailer Tuesday. Eleven classic and new midway carnival rides await Team Hickam at the 2005 carnival in the Earhart Village is also known as Area 61. Tonight gates open at 5 p.m. until 11:30. Saturday noon to 11:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

## Freedom Tower stands the test of time

By Lisa Wolverton  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports the average World War II veteran was 18 years old when the war broke out in 1941. The 15th Airlift Wing History Office reports evidence of a World War II veteran that was only 3 years old when the war broke out. Is a time warp at work here?

Not exactly. We're talking about Hickam's Freedom Tower, the concrete skyscraper located at the end of the parade mall. Although not a war veteran in the traditional sense of the word, the lofty pillar has seen its share of military service. And history.

According to the history office, the tower was built in 1938 under the supervision of Army Capt. Howard B. Nurse, who was chief of the design section at the quartermaster general's office in Washington, D.C. Cost of

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## PACAF provided imagery capability helps in multi-national tsunami relief operations

By Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter  
Pacific Air Force Public Affairs

Wing Commander Sumana Chulamokha of the Royal Thai Air Force runs her hands across a large table-top photo, pointing out some areas where the tsunami waves of the Indian Ocean came ashore Dec. 26, indiscriminately destroying the lives and livelihoods of millions of people in coastal villages of Southeast Asia.

The imagery is haunting, though telling. And it's telling that she is proud of, which is why she was visiting here last

week to brief Pacific Air Forces personnel, including Air Operations Center leadership, about the value of a photo imagery capability that PACAF recently provided to the Royal Thai Air Force.

She thanked PACAF Intelligence Directorate officials for providing a VX 3000 scanner last year, which became operational a few months before the tsunami struck.

"You helped us a lot," said Wing Commander Chulamokha, Chief of the Imagery Interpretation Section, Directorate of Air

Operations, Royal Thai Air Force. The 20-year veteran officer was directly involved in the tsunami relief effort from the RTAF Air Operations Control in Phuket.

The imagery scanner, she said, allowed traditional wet film imagery (aerial reconnaissance) to be digitized, cutting a process that once took two or three days into a matter of hours.

"It helped us support our customers," she added.

Those customers included Royal Thai Navy, Army and

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## Night Hawk Sweeps again

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Managing Editor

Fat Tuesday gave way to fret Wednesday for potentially irresponsible downtown revelers returning home Feb. 8.

Commanders, first sergeants and senior leaders worked the gates just past midnight for the latest Night Hawk sweep, a program designed to man the main gate at random times to identify those who drink or take illicit drugs and drive.

By the conclusion of the sweep, 50 carloads of travelers were directed to provide samples, according to Patsy Torres, Life Skills Flight

Drug Demand Reduction program manager.

"The number included other active-duty members from our sister service members, not just Team Hickam."

Overindulging in alcohol or using illicit drugs is a game of career Russian Roulette that will ultimately end in catastrophe, Ms. Torres said.

"If you use illicit drugs, it's not a matter of if, but when, you'll get caught," she said. "If you know of someone that is struggling with drug use, let them know there is help and owning up to the problem is the first step to solving it."

For more information, contact the Life Skills Flight at 449-0175.



# What does it mean to be a 'Wingman?'

By Lt. Col.  
**Lawrence Roche**  
27th Intelligence Support  
Squadron commander

The Romans, while not the first to understand the central principle behind having "wingmen," were some of the first to document the importance of the wing position.

The most basic Roman battle lines were arranged with the infantry in the center and cavalry on the wings. The main purpose of the cavalry was to protect the center from being outflanked.

For the army to succeed, it was imperative that the infantry and cavalry understood and followed a pre-arranged plan and moved with a single purpose. Separately, neither the infantry nor the cavalry stood much chance at defeating an opponent, but together, watching out for each other, they were a formidable force.

The Roman Empire and its lasting contributions to the civilized world would not

have been possible without a well-disciplined army and sound principles.

The weapons used to wage war have changed dramatically since the Romans, but the principles guiding their employment have not.

Today, one of the most important and trusted positions in a formation of aircraft belongs to the wingman. While we have exchanged cavalry horses for F-15 Eagles, the wingman's job remains the same: to protect the lead aircraft.

So what does any of this have to do with us? As Airmen, we are all part of a much larger team. The combined effect of individual efforts and skills make our Air Force the most powerful air force in the world. None of us could do our jobs without the support of others. We count on our teammates to do their part so we can do ours. We share a common purpose and we know when we need help, our teammates will be there to pitch in and make the mission

a success. All of us need a wingman to succeed.

Being a good wingman is a 24-hour-a-day job. The principles apply both on and off duty and are anchored in personal commitment. Good wingmen have many important qualities. First, they have a moral compass that always points true north. They know the right thing to do and take action to do it. Second, they "keep their head on a swivel," searching the horizon for any sign of trouble and step in to prevent it. Third, a good wingman learns to lead just as well as follow. We all must be prepared to step up and lead when required, just as we must all be ready to follow once a decision is made.

Although these ideas may seem somewhat abstract, they translate easily into everyday actions. Actions can be as simple as asking a teammate how they are doing and then listening to them when they tell you, or taking the keys from a friend who has had too much to drink.

Being a good wingman means ensuring your supervisor isn't bogged down with disciplinary issues due to your momentary lack of judgment. It means taking the time to double check your work and fix any errors without being told.

A good wingman reminds his or her buddies about a meeting starting in five minutes. It means taking care of each other so the team can take care of the mission. It means protecting each other's flank and building and keeping our trust in one another.

Our nation counts on us to defend its greatest possession, freedom. When we joined the Air Force we accepted that challenge and responsibility, and the price of failure is unacceptable.

Just like the Romans, individually we will fail, but together we are a formidable force. Our fellow Airmen and country depend on us to be great wingmen. (Lt. Col. Roche is stationed at Langley AFB, Va.)

## Hickam Voices

What are you looking forward to enjoying at the Hickam carnival?



The Superslide. Once, when I rode it when I was younger (last year), I got scratches on my arms.

**Jonathan Ordona, 7,**  
son of Staff Sgt.  
**Emelinda Ordona,**  
PACAF Regional Supply Squadron



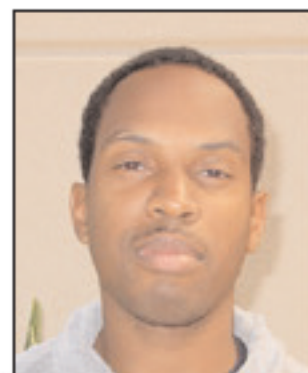
I can't wait to see my daughter Cassie perform with her dance team Precision Funk

**Master Sgt. Jerry Vaughn,**  
PACAF Intelligence Directorate



Just like when I was younger, I'm looking forward to the cotton candy.

**1st Lt. Chris Gibbs,**  
15th Operations Group



Watching my son ride the rides and eating the food, especially the funnel cakes.

**Staff Sgt. Kenneth Bruce**  
PACAF Air Intelligence Squadron



I can't wait to see the smiles on my 2-year-old's face and to enjoy the live entertainment.

**Erin Liu,**  
Hickam contractor

Next week's question: **What are you going to spend your tax refund on?**

Mar. 4: **Who is the most influential woman in your life other than a family member?**

To respond to this question, send an email to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil) with a response and phone number to contact you.

### Give us your feedback

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to

[hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil).

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini

## Retiree Appreciation Day set for March 11

The 2nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Day at Hickam is March 11 starting at 8 a.m. in Hangar 7.

Col. Ray Torres, 15th Airlift Wing commander, would like to cordially invite all retirees to attend. The event demonstrates gratitude for all retirees and their sacrifice on behalf the nation's defense. Retirees can indulge in a continental breakfast provided by the 15th Services Squadron while Colonel Torres offers his greeting and explains the changes expected to impact Hickam.

Retiree Appreciation Day will offer several information booths to explain the benefits and services available, to include: Tricare, DEERS, legal and

more.

Dr. Keoni Devereau, an expert on Alzheimer's disease, will be present to answer questions.

The Military Personnel Flight will have representatives from finance, veteran's affairs, personnel services and pass and ID.

The 15th Airlift Wing Retiree Activities Office opened last year and continues to provide an all-volunteer call-center service for Air Force retiree and their families. Volunteers interested in helping with various retirees issues, administrative support or seeking a volunteer opportunity can contact the RAO. Point of contact is Faith Cheong at

449-0674, or visit the RAO located in the Military Personnel Flight, Customer Service Office in building 1102, room B103. Mail can be sent to 15 AW/CVR, 25 E. Street, Suite B-103, Hickam AFB HI 96853-5492. Walk-in hours are Thursdays 8:30 to 11 a.m. After hours, you may call and an attendant will assist you or you may leave a message, including your name and phone number. ROA is here to serve you, so your call is important to us.

If you plan to attend the appreciation day event, RSVP by March 1 to Capt. Randall Ivall at 448-4605 (extension 205) or via e-mail at [randall.ivall@hickam.af.mil](mailto:randall.ivall@hickam.af.mil).

## Action Line



**Col. Ray Torres**  
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties — and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues. It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you would like me to get back to you,

leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to [15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).

### SWIM DIAPERS

**Comment:** I recently took my first trip to the base pool. I have a 14-month-old son who loves the water and thought this would be a fun experience. We started out at the kiddie pool; it is about a foot deep. Not deep enough to use a float in, but just deep enough to make it to hard for a small child to balance and not at all big enough for an adult to get in. So we decided to go to the regular pool. It was wonderful, I could get in the water and my son could be in the float splashing around. We were in for roughly two minutes when a lifeguard came over and told us we had to get out because my son was not potty trained yet. I brought up that he did have a swimmer (a baby's diaper designed for being in the water) on; he told me that it didn't matter, he was still not allowed in the pool. I just couldn't believe that Hickam's pool does not let children who are not potty trained in it.

This is the first swimming pool I have been at where it is like that. Both the Hale Koa and Pearl Harbor pools are military

pools and they have no problem with my son swimming in them. So my question is: why is it that Hickam has that rule?

**Response:** Services lifted the ban on diapered children in the pool on a trial basis; however, it proved to be unsuccessful. Although swim diapers are imprinted with the wording "prevents leaks," they are not 100 percent effective. Hickam has experienced several cases of pool contamination despite the use of such diapers; the most recent case was this month. A parent complained that their child had the swim diaper on yet could not use the big pool. The staff explained our policy and the parent took their child to the baby pool. Within a short time that same child had an accident in the pool because the diaper leaked. The baby pool had to be closed for the rest of the day. Once a pool is contaminated and the chlorine levels go "red" the pool must be closed and cleaned over a 24-hour period. Then CE and Bio-Environmental Health pump up the chlorine levels and Bio tests the water. Unfortunately, due to our filter system, we are unable to lift this rule. We spoke with the Department of Health and CE concerning our filter system and both agreed that they would not recommend changing our policy due to two things: 1) the risk of contamination and 2) the disintegrating diaper itself.

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449-1754  
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533-7125



# Tooth truth for children, athletes

Dental facts parents need to know

By Senior Airman  
**April Bonaparte**  
15th Aeromedical Dental  
Squadron

A new parent's common concern is "when do I begin my child's dental care?" The key to establishing a proper dental care program for your child is first understanding the developmental process of your child's teeth and then applying preventative techniques even before the first tooth appears.

Your child's baby (primary) teeth, 20 in total, erupt between 6-24 months of age on average. These primary teeth are vital for chewing, speaking and maintaining the space required for future adult (permanent) teeth. Permanent teeth first begin to appear around age 6 and are usually all present by age 21. It is important to note that home care for the primary and permanent teeth is equally important.

You should begin cleaning your child's gums soon after birth. After each feeding clean the gums with a soft, wet cloth. By doing this daily, your baby will become accustomed to the cleaning routine. Once the first tooth is present, begin using a soft infant toothbrush. Introduce fluoridated toothpaste only when your child is capable of spitting. Swallowing large amounts of fluoridated toothpaste can lead to white or brown stains,

known as fluorosis, on developing teeth.

After age 2, fluoridated toothpaste can be introduced in very small amounts then gradually increased to a pea-size portion by age 5. As with brushing, you should assist your child with flossing until he or she has the hand coordination to accomplish the task alone. Teach your child good home care by demonstrating proper toothbrushing and flossing techniques; be sure to supervise your child in order to establish a consistent yet safe daily oral care routine.

Your child's first visit to the dentist is advised when teeth begin to appear, usually around 6-10 months of age. This allows the dentist an opportunity to establish a good rapport with you and your child, a simple step that can alleviate many of the parental fears and concerns associated with your baby's dental needs. Following this orientation, biannual dental visits usually begin at 3 years of age.

Knowing when and how to take care of your child's teeth is vital to their future oral health — dental education and care begins at birth! Start a dental prevention program today and give your child a beautiful smile for life.

*Editor's note: February is National Children's Dental Health Month. During the next few weeks the Kukini will run articles submitted by the 15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron covering issues for healthy gums and teeth.*



Photos by Michael Dey

**Above: Staff Sgt. Cherry Castaneda fits a mold for a mouthguard at the Hickam Dental Clinic Tuesday. Left: Sergeant Castaneda, 15th Dental Clinic technician, creates a mold for a mouthguard Tuesday.**



Mouthguards: Use it or lose it?

By Senior Airman  
**Meriles Curry**  
15th Aeromedical Dental  
Squadron

Do you participate in sports? If so, do you own a mouthguard? A mouthguard is a protective device that covers the upper teeth and helps to cushion any blows to the face. It minimizes the risk of broken teeth as well as injuries that may occur to your tongue, cheek and lip.

Imagine how you would feel if you lost one or even two of your front teeth. Smiling, eating and talking would never be the same. What would you do?

There are three different types of mouthguards available to all athletes. The first type is the stock mouthguard. It is relatively inexpensive and comes pre-formed and ready to wear. Unfortunately, a stock mouthguard usually does not fit very well and often makes breathing and talking difficult.

Another type is the "boil and bite" mouthguard. To use this type of appliance, a plastic tray is softened in boiling water and then inserted into the mouth. This process allows the tray to adapt to the shape of your mouth. The "boil and bite" mouthguard offers a better fit than the stock mouth protector; however, care must be exercised during the fabrication process to ensure the optimum result. Both the stock and

"boil and bite" mouthguards are sold retail and are readily available at your local sports and drug stores.

Finally, there is the custom-fit mouthguard made by your dentist. Since this mouthguard is made specifically for you, the fit will be superior to all other types. The one downside to this type of appliance is cost; you will pay more.

Just like any other sports gear, mouthguards wear over time and become less effective. Caring for your mouthguard requires daily maintenance. It should be rinsed before and after each use with water or mouth rinse. In addition, the mouthguard should be occasionally cleaned in cool soapy water and thoroughly rinsed.

Storage should be accomplished in a firm perforated container that permits air circulation. High temperatures must be avoided to minimize distortion. Maintaining your mouthguard is the key to having it last longer.

If you are an athlete remember to use your mouthguard. When choosing the correct appliance, look for the following features: secure fit, easily cleanable, durable, and non-restrictive in terms of speech and breathing. Although mouthguards vary in terms of cost and comfort, they all provide protection if fitted properly.

In the final analysis, any mouthguard can be effective as long as it is resilient, tear-resistant and comfortable. Remember, use your mouthguard or risk your smile!

## NEWS NOTES, From A1

ers, and police officers with collecting money at intersections around the island in support of the "Hats Off to the American Red Cross Campaign" March 5 from 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

All funds collected will go to the American Red Cross Hawaii Chapter to support local services for Hawaii's people. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, snacks and lunch! To volunteer, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Richard Cornelius at [Richard.cornelius@hickam.af.mil](mailto:Richard.cornelius@hickam.af.mil) or Master Sgt. Anthony Hall at [Anthony.hall@hickam.af.mil](mailto:Anthony.hall@hickam.af.mil) or call 448-6239.

There will be a "kick off" day for this event at Tamarind Park, which is located on the corner of Bishop and King Streets, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Officer Training School** — Due to fiscal 2005 Air Force force-shaping efforts, the non-rated (both nontechnical and technical) portions of the March 28 and May 10 Officer Training School selection boards (05OT04 and 05OT05) have been rescheduled for August 2005, Air Force Recruiting Service officials announced. The rated panels for these boards will convene as scheduled, according to AFRS officials. For more information concerning OTS and the application process, active-duty members should contact their local education office; civilians should contact their nearest Air Force recruiter. The Hickam Base Training and Education Center will be providing more information to the public as it becomes available.

**Hickam Thrift Shop** — The Hickam Thrift Shop is open for sales Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the second Saturday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted Monday, Friday and the second Saturday, Feb. 12, 9 to 11 a.m. We will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 for Presidents' Day. We are open for extended evening hours on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5 to 8 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 1711, Kuntz Avenue, behind Tickets and Tours. Volunteers are always welcome! Donations are appreciated and may be dropped off at any time in the shed by the front door. For more information call 449-6603.

**HOSC scholarships** — The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club awards scholarships that cover

tuition, books, room, board and fees at an accredited 2- or 4-year college, university, vocational or technical school. Family members of active-duty Air Force, full-time Hawaii Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel stationed in Hawaii are eligible for these scholarships.

Applications are now available at the Hickam Base Library, thrift shop or educational office. Deadline for applications is March 1. For full details on eligibility and requirements may be found in the 2004-2005 HOSC Scholarship Award Plan. For more information e-mail Roseann Bronston at [hosc@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hosc@hickam.af.mil) or visit our Web site at [www.hosc.af.mil](http://www.hosc.af.mil)

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**Women's History Month Events** — Women's history is observed in the month of March. To celebrate this year, the committee has planned the following events. All of Team Hickam are encouraged and welcome to attend any of the events. Women's bio reading and portrayal, March 2, 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Center (POC Charlie Lewis at 449-2261). All Women's Retreat Ceremony, March 15, 4:30 p.m. at the Base Flagpole (POC Staff Sgt. Lisa Thomas at 449-0684). Women's History Month Luncheon, March 29, 11:30 a.m. at the Enlisted Tradewinds Club (POC Master Sgt. Jacquelyn Bond at 449-2947 ext 307). Essay contest from local elementary/middle/high schools: Children are to write a one-page essay on "Who is the most important woman in your life and why?" Essay submissions being accepted from March 11 to 18. Winners will be announced at women's history month luncheon. POC is 1st Lt. Kristen Kayata at 448-1577. The library will have book and poster displays throughout the month of March. For more information, contact the POCs listed above or 1st Lt. Angela Batts at 449-0607.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonard

## Stop and smell the roses

**Airman 1st Class Henry Sims counts out Valentine flower arrangements Monday at the Family Support Center. Airman Sims helped sort the bouquets donated by retired Lt. Col. Floyd McKeand to the 102 spouses of deployed members of Team Hickam. Colonel McKeand also celebrated his 90th birthday on Valentine's Day. A total of 325 sweetheart bouquets were bought by Hickam members for their sweethearts.**





## Cope Tiger '05 rockets to an end

By 2nd Lt. Ben Sakrisson

Cope Tiger Public Affairs

KORAT, Thailand – The skies over Korat are missing the familiar sound of U.S. aircraft today as service members from the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy have departed in the aftermath of exercise Cope Tiger '05.

The last U.S. military personnel, from the Hawaii Air National Guard, returned home from Cope Tiger to Hickam, Feb. 10.

More than 1,100 sorties were flown during Cope Tiger '05, between Jan. 24 and Feb. 4, by aircraft from the militaries of Thailand and Singapore and the U.S. Air Force and Navy. The focus of the exercise was to build on the existing interoperability between the three countries and to train their pilots how to fly with and against airframes different from their own.

Maj. Gen. Edward Rice Jr., Commander, 13th Air Force, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, arrived here Feb. 4, as the U.S. representative for the closing ceremonies. General Rice had tactical control over the 13th Air Expeditionary Group, which composed the U.S. presence at Cope Tiger.

More than 2,100 U.S. and allied service members, from Thailand and Singapore participated. U.S. Air Force units from Hickam; Kadena Air Base, Japan; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Andersen AFB; and the U.S. Navy's USS Abraham Lincoln air carrier wing contributed to the exercise.

Exercise Cope Tiger '05 marks the 11th time that the United States, Thailand and Singapore have come together in an annual joint and multinational flight training exercise.

*(Story courtesy of Pacific Air Forces news service.)*

Photos by Staff Sgt. Myst Booy

**Background:** Senior Airman Makalo Soares, Hawaii Air National Guard, performs post-flight checks on an F-15C.

**Top left to right:** Maj. Gen. David Deptula, Pacific Air Forces Operations director, is greeted by Group Captain Saridporn Sunthornkit, Thai Air Force Wing One deputy. Staff Sgt. Clarence Rivera, HIANG, performs an engine check on an F-15C.

**Master Sgt. Eric Correa, HIANG, instructs members of the Thai Air Force on aircraft maintenance.**



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and being able to experience the daily life of some of the Airmen is something Brian and I love to be able to do," said Brees.

After a 15-minute dog fight, the F-15 pilots radioed they were ready for fuel.

As the first fighter jet was releasing from its initial contact from the tanker, Brees received a shaka hand signal, a sign of thanks in Hawaii, from the F-15 pilot, Maj. Gen. David Deptula, director of operations for the Pacific Air Forces.

Witnessing firsthand all the components involved in a refueling mission from the tanker aircrew and the F-15 pilots and all the training involved in perfecting that process really gives me a new respect for what the Air Force does, said Brees.

"And then doing all that in a war time environment, during the heat of battle, I really have so much respect for what you all do," said Brees.

Next, Brees spoke with some of the base youth athletes, parents and Airmen.

Running into a gym filled with cheering children and parents' applause, Brees dished out a string of "high-fives" to the children seated on the floor surrounding center court.

"How many of you kids are proud of what your parents do, to protect our country and to keep us all safe?" asked Brees.

Children's hands shot up as Brees continued.

"I am so thankful for what your parents do to keep this nation safe," said Brees to the children, as a round of applause broke out again.

Brees followed up by

addressing the children and their willingness to participate in the Air Force Fit-2-Win fitness program and passing out San Diego Chargers gear to children answering fun trivia questions correctly.

Brees concluded by answering questions from parents and children regarding his NFL experience. He then stayed an extra 45 minutes to sign every autograph, right down to the very last person, signing nearly 400 autographs.

"If his throws are a little off on Sunday, we'll all know why," Schottenheimer said jokingly.

"(The children's) excitement and energy was great," said Brees. "They, and the parents, really asked great questions and really got into it. I just wanted everyone to have a good time."

The Airmen of the 15th Security Forces Squadron benefited from an impromptu meeting with Brees and Schottenheimer earlier in the day. Eight of the squadron's Airmen who have just returned from Iraq sat down with the pro bowler to swap battle stories.

From what Brees has seen, the only parallels between the NFL and the military were possibly the type of discipline, work ethic and team work that is needed to succeed in both career fields.

"People have made similarities between the two and yeah, you're battling it out on the football field, but it can't be like living in a war zone every day. I have so much respect for what you guys do," said Brees.

Being the star quarterback and a pro bowler of a 12-4



Photos by Staff Sgt. Martin Jackson

**San Diego Quarterback Drew Brees sets up a pass pattern with Tech. Sgt. Ken Milke, Hawaii Air National Guard, on the Hickam flight line Feb. 9.**

divisional championship team in San Diego, Brees is a hometown role model and celebrity to numerous military members stationed in the area.

"Everywhere I go to speak with the military they say they are big fans of mine and respect me. I have to turn around and say that it's we, in the NFL, that respect you. What we do doesn't even compare to what you do," said Brees.

"It's nice to know that what we do out on the field has a positive effect on the military," said Brees.

Brees expressed how he would love to come back and visit the Air Force and to do whatever he can to help boost the morale and hang out with the men and women of the Air Force and their families.

But if he wants to come back out to Hawaii this same time next year, he'll need to make the Pro Bowl again. With the type of athletic talent he possesses, and his excep-



**Drew Brees signs autographs at the Kidsports gym Feb. 9.**

tional character, he's well on his way to having an outstanding NFL career filled with multiple Pro Bowl visits.

"That's going to be my motivation. I need to make the Pro Bowl so I can come back out and talk to the men and women of Hickam Air Force Base."

# Crime Scene

## More bad news from the BX

A military family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. She was processed and eventually released to her sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$220.

## This time at one-tenth the price

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. She was processed and eventually released to her sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$22.

## If only there was a port-a-potty available

Two active-duty Air Force members were witnessed urinating in public. Further investigation revealed both individuals were intoxicated and not of legal age to consume alcohol. Both subjects were charged and released to their supervisors.

## Anything the Air Force can do the Marines can do three times better

Six active-duty Marine Corps members were involved in an altercation. Further investigation revealed all individuals were intoxicated and not of legal age to consume alcohol. All subjects were charged and released to their supervisors.

## Keeping the store detective fully employed

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. She was processed and eventually released to her sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$32.

## Does anyone get an allowance anymore?

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. She was processed and eventually released to her sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$57.

## At least she wasn't shoplifting

A military family member was detained by Security Forces for violating the Hickam curfew policy. She was processed and released to her sponsor.

## But he was home on time

A military family member was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. He was processed and released to his sponsor. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$12.





## Former SECAF cited for two ethics violations

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — The former secretary of the Air Force was found recently to have committed two technical violations of the Joint Ethics Regulation.

The findings are the result of an investigation by the Department of Defense's Office of the Inspector General and were published in a report Jan. 27.

In May 2003, then Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche used his government-issued handheld communications device to send an e-mail to a non-government individual. That individual was a former co-worker at Northrop Grumman where Dr. Roche previously worked. In the e-mail, Dr. Roche provided a character reference for the brother of a personal friend. The brother was seeking employment at Northrop Grumman. The e-mail in itself was not a violation.

However, due to pre-set configuration of the handheld device, Dr. Roche's e-mail automatically included a banner at the bottom with the signature element reflecting his office: "Dr. James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force."

Under Section 2635.702(b) of the JER, titled "Appearance of Governmental Sanction," Department of Defense employees are prohibited from using their official title in a manner that reasonably could be construed to imply that their agency endorses their personal action. An

example under that provision of the JER prohibits using official letterhead or one's official title in a letter when making job recommendations for personal friends where the association is unrelated to the government employee's official position and the recommendation is not for a federal job. Arguing by analogy to these rules, the report concluded Dr. Roche violated the regulation by sending the e-mail and including his official signature element.

Regarding the second finding, there is no specific regulation saying DOD employees cannot make a job recommendation using government e-mail. However, under Section 2-301 of the JER, titled "Use of Federal Government Resources," government employees are permitted limited use of government communications resources for personal use, unless such use violates another regulation.

According to the report, when Dr. Roche unknowingly violated the first regulation by forwarding the e-mail with his official title, he therefore technically violated the second regulation as well.

In responding to the preliminary IG findings, Dr. Roche stated that he fully understood and respected that public office is a public trust. He also agreed that employees should be careful to avoid giving the appearance of government endorsement where it is inappropriate to do so. He went on to argue in the detailed



Photo by Jim Westfall

**MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan — Airman 1st Class Michael Long sweeps snow from a KC-135 Stratotanker. The base here received 14 inches of snow in 36 hours. He is assigned to the 376th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.**

response that, under the circumstances surrounding the e-mail to his personal friend, he believed there was absolutely no risk of any such implication.

Dr. Roche also urged that more specific guidance be provided to government employees should IG officials stand by their initial

application of the JER. Otherwise, he added, the inadequate guidance pertaining to new technologies not originally contemplated by the JER, such as e-mail, would continue to cause problems for government workers.

Lastly, in their Jan. 27 letter to Dr. Roche, IG officials

wrote that while the secretary had violated two sections of the ethics regulation, they found insufficient evidence to suggest his e-mail had influenced an assessment of the tanker lease proposal by the Office of Management and Budget.

## Air Force moves radios to narrowband

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN)** — As the demand for radio frequencies continues to grow, so does the need to increase efficiency. Air Force Communications Agency officials here helped create more capabilities by providing the roadmap for moving the Air Force away from wideband to narrowband radios.

Land mobile radio systems enable military forces to quickly establish command, control and other critical communications during training and deployed operations, and they are critical components of the global information grid, officials said.

In 1995, National Telecommunications and Information Administration officials mandated that federal agencies operating radios in selected UHF and VHF frequencies move from a wider emission band of 25 kilohertz to a narrower emission band of 12.5. Radios accessing the 162 to 174 megahertz frequency range were given until Jan. 1 to move.

Radios accessing other frequencies have until 2008 to move.

This gave Air Force offi-

cials the difficult challenge of converting 151,600 radios in its inventory. Not doing so could affect mission-critical radio communications support, officials said.

The Air Force manages its radio inventory at the base level, and it turned to agency officials to develop a plan to transition the entire, decentralized radio fleet to the narrowband configuration.

Agency officials said they worked with the Air Force Frequency Management Agency, major commands, direct reporting units and other field operating agencies to take the first steps and keep security forces and first responders in business.

The conversion plan broke down radio equipment into three categories: mission-critical, mission-essential and mission-support.

Mission-critical radios included force protection, medical response and air-field operations. Mission-essential equipment covered activities such as transportation and supply logistics. Mission-support assets encompassed activities that contained base services.

"What the Air Force is doing is replacing radios and infrastructures or reprogramming equipment for narrowband compliance," said Master Sgt. Reginald Sanders of the communications agency. "Each radio can then be programmed by the base (radio) manager. The amount of labor depends on how many pieces of equipment need to be replaced and programmed."



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construction was \$43,146.60.

The tower's octagonal design rises 171 feet into the air and is topped by eight concrete eagles, each weighing 2,000 pounds. Reinforced concrete makes up the walls, which are 12 inches thick at the tower's base. An upward trek via 166 spiral steps inside the tower ends in a room at the top measuring approximately 20 feet in diameter. The room serves as storage space for lights and equipment used to decorate the tower for Christmas, an annual tradition that began in 1969.

As if just looking at it wasn't enough, the tower, at one time, served a functional purpose: storing 500,000 gallons of water. Master Sgt. Martin Meyer of the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron said that although the tower has stood empty for approximately 10 years, it was once utilized as a water reserve during emergencies, such as water outages and firefighting needs.

How could something so prominent escape injury during the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and still stand tall today? Although the answer will likely never be confirmed, legend has it that the Japanese thought the tower was a religious symbol and chose to spare it.

During the course of the war, an amphitheater called the Starlight Bowl was built at the tower's base and used for concerts and events. Over time, however, the structure deteriorated and was not rebuilt.

In a May 15, 1985, ceremony to mark Hickam's 50th birthday, a large bronze plaque above the tower door was unveiled by the 15th Air Base



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

**The Freedom Tower stands proud as the sun sets. For more than 65 years the tower has been a symbol of pride for those who have served and lived on Hickam.**

Wing commander that read, "Freedom Tower, Dedicated by those who served, to the memory of those who died, that others might live in freedom, we will not forget. Dedicated 50th anniversary May 1985."

Well-deserved acknowledgment did not end at the Freedom Tower. Later in 1985, the entire base, with evidence of the Pearl Harbor attack still visible, received national recognition for its place in World War II history.

"According to our historical records the entire base is registered as a historic landmark," said Senior Master Sgt. Randy Richardson, Pacific Air Forces Senior Enlisted Historian.

The national historic landmark designation was made by the Secretary of the Interior in October 1985, and includes, among other war reminders, the tattered American flag on display in the PACAF Headquarters building that flew over Hickam the morning Pearl Harbor was bombed.



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**Wing Commander Sumana Chulamokha of the Royal Thai Air Force displays an aerial photo of coastal areas of Thailand. To her right is Col. Mark Kipphut, director of intelligence for Pacific Air Forces. Left is Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Melanson, who helped arrange the transfer of a sophisticated scanner that produced the map.**

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Air Force, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Land Development Department as well as the Prime Minister's office. The imagery was used to support remote rescue operations, damage assessment, environmental assessment as well as long-term recovery operations and reconstruction.

The idea to transfer the scanner stemmed from experiences in combined exercises, such as Cobra Gold, which highlighted the need to achieve better interoperability between U.S. and Thai military command and control structures, said Colonel Mark Kipphut, PACAF's Director of Intelligence.

The equipment transfer began during the 2002 PACAF-RTAF Mutual Cooperation Program, said Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Melanson,

who was the action officer on the project. "Previous bilateral and multilateral exercises always simulated imagery production, but during real-world military or humanitarian operations, coalition imagery products would be a critical requirement for accurate and timely damage assessments," Sergeant Melanson explained.

The equipment was delivered during the Cobra Gold exercise in May 2004, with upgrades and training completed in August. In all, the transfer cost RTAF less than \$20,000. Given how quickly and efficiently the RTAF was able to process imagery used to save and rebuild lives, it was money well spent, Kipphut noted.

"We talk about precision targeting, but the targeting in this case was the delivery of

humanitarian supplies," Colonel Kipphut said.

Operation Unified Assistance, Kipphut added, also highlighted the value of building relations with Thailand and other nations through exercise, such as Cobra Gold, Cope Tiger and other military exchanges.

"That interoperability," he said, "was the result of a long walk together with the Royal Thai Air Force to achieve mutual cooperation."

As tragic as the tsunami was, the tide of support and cooperation that followed, particularly from the United States, helped increase favorable opinions about Americans, Wing Commander Chulamokha noted.

"It changed everything," she said. "People saw that you gave not only your help, but your heart."



## SPORTS SHORTS

### Youth wrestling sign up

Hickam youth ages 5 to 14 are eligible to sign up for the upcoming youth wrestling season through Feb. 28. The cost is \$35. For more information, contact youth sports at 448-6611.

### Earhart track update

Earhart track has been designated as the official test site for physical fitness tests. Testing times are between 5 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 11 p.m. Units can reserve the track for testing on a first-come, first-serve basis by contacting the fitness center at 448-4639.

### Umpires needed

Diamond Head softball umpires need umpires and scorekeepers for the upcoming intramural season. Training will be provided. Please contact Stan Finch at stanley.finch@hickam.af.mil or 449-6958.

### Coaches needed

The sports office is still looking for coaches for the 2005 sports season. Coaches are needed for women's basketball and softball. Interested individuals should contact the sports office at 448-4639. Without coaches the base will not be able to offer these activities.

### Varsity women basketball players wanted

Women players are needed for the upcoming varsity season. Players can be military, dependents out of high school or Department of Defense employees. To sign up call the fitness center at 448-4639.

### Racquetball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
COMM 6	1	
HIANG 5	2	
15 AMXS	5	2
324IS	3	4
352IOS	2	5
735AMS	0	7

### Basketball Schedule

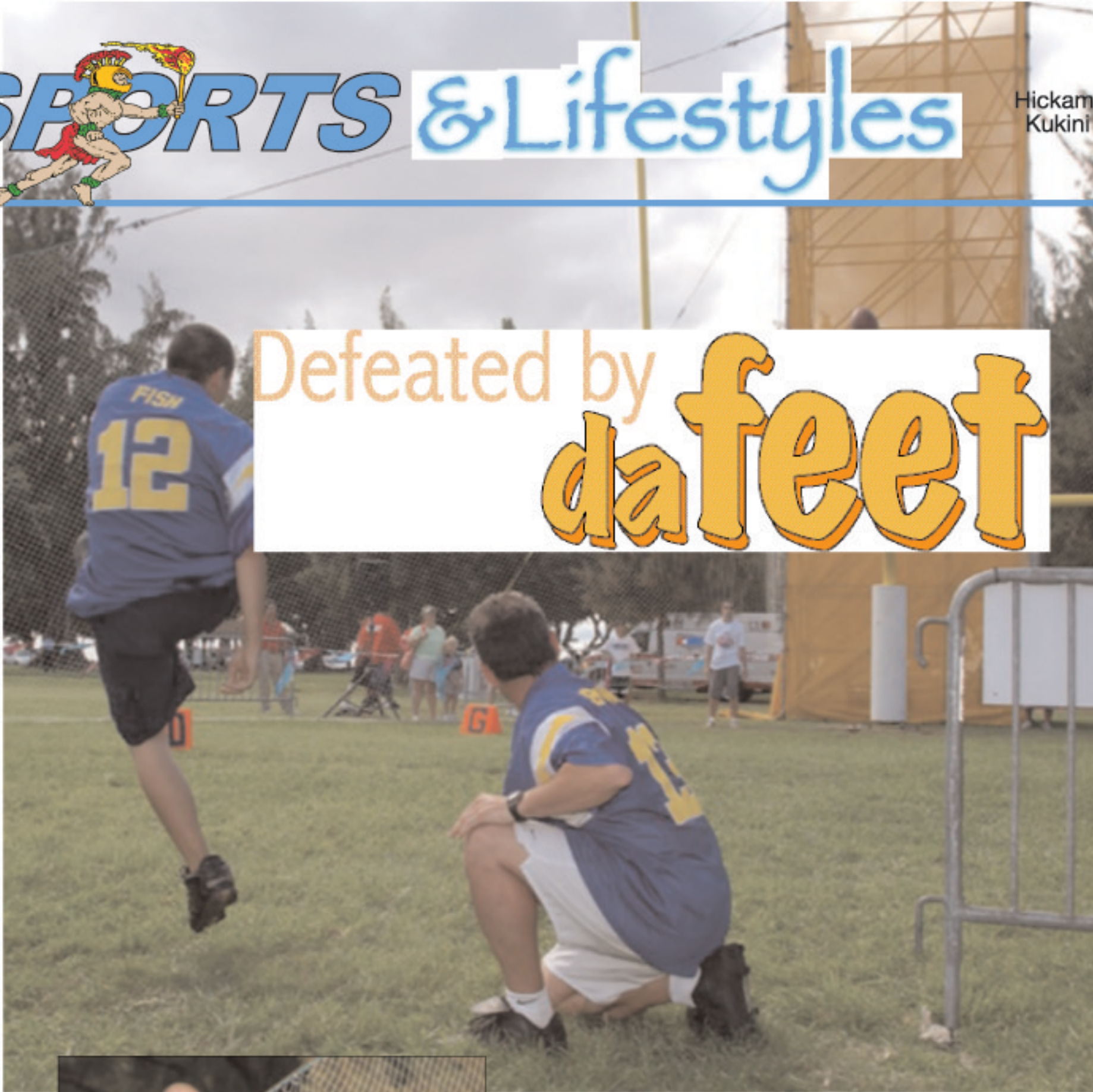
Monday
5:30 p.m.
352 IOS vs HIANG
6:30 p.m.
15CS vs PACAF RSS
7:30 p.m.
502AOG vs PACAF CSS (2)
8:30 p.m.
MSS vs 735 AMS

Tuesday
5:30 p.m.
324 IS vs CES (1)
6:30 p.m.
HQ PACAF vs 502 AOG(1)
7:30 p.m.
SVS vs JPAC
8:30 p.m.
MDG (2) vs PACAF AIS

### Basketball Standings as of Tuesday night

Mon-Wed Basketball		
Team	Wins	Losses
502AOG 1	6	1
324IS	4	1
CES 1	3	1
JAPC	3	1
HQ PACAF	4	2
SVS	3	2
692IOG	2	3
PACAF CSS 1	2	3
SFS	1	4
PACAF AIS	0	4
MDG 2	0	6

Tue-Thur Basketball		
Team	Wins	Losses
Forfeits		
352IOS	6	0
PACAF RSS	4	1
735AMS	4	2
MDG 1	4	2
PACAF CSS 2	3	4
502AOG 2	2	3
COMM	2	3
MSS	2	3
HIANG	1	3
CES 2	0	6



# Defeated by da feet



**Above: Team Hickam's Danny Jennings launches footballs to his teammates at an impressive rate, competing 13 long-range bombs in a row to dominate the passing competition portion of the NFL Pro Bowl Military Challenge. Right: Marcus "Scooby" puts boot to pigskin during the punting competition Friday afternoon.**



**Sergio The Foot Jacquez splits the uprights as Danny Jennings watches after holding the ball during the field goal portion of the NFL Military Pro Bowl Competition. Lopez was the only kicker in the five-team challenge to nail all 10 field goals. Lopez was also one of Jennings' receivers that set a competition scoring record of 68 points in the pass completion challenge.**

### Bottom punting score drops AF team to second place in NFL military challenge

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Managing Editor

A slow start and an unsuccessful effort in the punting competition proved to be the Air Force team's undoing at the NFL Military Challenge held Feb. 11 at Kapiolani Park.

Leading off the 40-yard dash competition, the Air Force team, comprised of members of the 15th Medical Group, sprinted to a first-place lead. Then the second team of competitors went. Then the third. The blue suiters ended up in fourth, forcing the Coast Guard to the bottom of the standings.

The first leg of the competition, won by the Soldiers, wasn't without controversy, according to Hickam's Danny Jennings.

"I was surprised about how many Army guys showed up. I thought we could only have six guys per team," Jennings said.

The Air Force's Sergio "The Foot" Jacquez knew exactly what he had to score in the second competition, field goal kicking.

As the last kicker in the group, Jacquez sought perfection to beat the Marine kicker's score — nine of 10.

Head down, right leg like a perfectly-calibrated pendulum, Jacquez masked out the heckling from the other competitors, drilling the first nine in a row. Only

then did he stop to acknowledge the less-than-receptive audience, pointing at each team's kicker before finishing the task.

One last solid thud of leather shoe on leather ball.

Jacquez was already taking high fives from his team mates by the time the pigskin split the uprights for a perfect 10.

After two of five events, the Airmen were in a four-way tie with the Sailors, Soldiers and Marines with seven points each.

Having the benefit of watching three punters go before him, Marcus "Scooby" Lindsey watched all the different ways they had made errors, so he decided to come up with a new one all his own.

Lindsey blasted his first kick 50 yards. Unfortunately, 40 of those yards were straight up, ending with a nine-yard punt on his first try, dooming the blue suiters to last place in the third leg of the competition.

Any chance of success would be placed, literally, in Jennings' hands.

And those hands proved invaluable, spiraling three hikes through the target during the Air Force's second place finish in the long-snap competition.

The last event was the one that most resembled team football: the passing competition. With Jennings QBing the team, they knew they needed to score, and score often, which meant going for the mother load — the 5-point, 30 plus-yard completions.

With teammates Jacquez, Lindsey, Sam "The Man" McAnally, Will "The Thrill" Gill and Trey Gathers taking off even as he's passing to another team mate, Jennings launched bomb after bomb, each landing safely in his receiver's arms.

Thirteen long-range completions without a dropped pass.

Add in a three-pointer for good measure, and the Air Force ended up with a competition record 68 points, more than a dozen ahead of their nearest competitor.

Though they didn't take the overall win, the afternoon still had its merits, according to Gathers.

"It was a great competition that gave us a chance to represent the Air Force against our sister service members and come away with some good memories that will last a lifetime," Gathers said.

Photos by Michael Dey





Photo by Mike Dey

Super Bowl and Pro Bowl starting quarterback Donovan McNabb, Philadelphia Eagles, takes time off during practice to catch up on base events in the Feb. 11 Kukini.



Photo by Mike Dey

Pro Bowl cheerleader Lisa Simmons, San Diego Chargers, provides private instruction to Hickam youth center cheerleaders, from left, Emily Gordy, 7, Carmella Moore, 10, and Nattaya Malmstead, 5, during an instructional camp at Pearl Harbor Naval Air Station Feb. 10.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

From left, Hickam Honor Guard members Senior Airman Jamal Chesney, Joint Intelligence Command Pacific, 1st Lt. Charles Campbell and Staff Sgt. Sid Tablon, 15th Services Squadron and Airman 1st Class Jenn Kincaid, 15th Airlift Wing Legal Office, prepare to take the field at Aloha Stadium prior to the start of the Pro Bowl Sunday.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Leonhard

Staff Sgt. Erin Page, 15th Mission Support Squadron, takes a hike from Capt. Fear the Tampa Bay Buccaneers mascot, during the NFL skills challenge at the Ihilani Resort Feb. 11. More than 130 Team Hickam members joined 450 Marines, Sailors and Soldiers from Hawaii to watch some of the NFL's best.



**Wine tasting event**

The Officers' Club will host its monthly wine tasting event today, in the Koa Lounge starting at 5 p.m. This is a members only event and offers some new tastes in wine. Food will also be served. Membership card is required for admittance. For more information, contact the club at 448-4608.

**Presidents' Day pre-holiday disco**

Get ready to boogie! The Enlisted Club's Presidents' Day Pre-Holiday Disco is Sunday. This fun-filled night features two rooms of entertainment – hip hop, reggae and rhythm & blues on the J.R. Rockers lanai and Ol' Skool in the lounge.

A delicious Soul Plate meal is available from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. and admission to the disco is free. For information, call the club at 449-1292.

**Wind surfing lessons**

Ever wanted to wind surf but just didn't have the equipment or ability to try? Outdoor Recreation has just the weekend for you.

Saturday and Sunday, the Outdoor Recreation staff will conduct wind surfing lessons at Hickam Harbor from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost for the two days is \$75 per person and includes equipment rental and instruction. Don't miss this introduction to one of the fastest growing water sports. Call 449-5215 for more information.

**Mamala Bay golf tournament**

The 36-hole Mamala Bay golf tournament is Saturday and Sunday. The tournament will be a two-person, best ball format with gross and net prizes awarded.

Players may sign up at the pro shop. Entry fee is \$30 per team plus daily green fees. Call 449-6490 for full details.

**Air Force Teen Aviation Camp**

The Air Force Services Agency has announced plans for the 6th Annual Air Force Teen Aviation Camp to be held June 4-9 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Eligible teens must be high school sophomores or juniors during the 2005-2006 school year and have an interest in attending the Air Force Academy or making the Air Force a career.

This exciting program is open to family members of active duty Air Force, Air Force retired, Air Force civilian employees, Air National

Guard and Air Force Reserve members. The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 28, and applications are available at the Teen Center. Call 449-2233 for more information.

**Presidents' Day golf tournament**

The Par 3 President's Day Golf Tournament will be held Monday with tee times starting at 10 a.m. The event will use a two-person scramble format and cost is \$22 per team. Entry fees include green fees and prizes.

Entry forms are available at the pro shop and must be turned in by today. The tournament is open to all authorized personnel, dependents and guests. Call 449-2093 for more information.

**Adam Cruz returns to Sea Breeze**

Popular singer Adam Cruz returns to the Sand Bar & Grill on Saturday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. His smooth guitar stylings and light rock songs have made him a favorite at the seaside restaurant.

Next door, the Sea Breeze Restaurant has announced its dinner specials for March. Heading up the menu is the New York steak and fried shrimp for \$18.95; teriyaki chicken and shrimp tempura for \$16.95; blackened rib eye and blackened mahi mahi for \$18.95; and the famous seafood buffet on Sundays for \$21.95.

Hours of operation for the two facilities are as follows: The Sea Breeze is open Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The Sand Bar is open Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Start Sailing Right course**

The next Outdoor Recreation 'Start Sailing Right' course will be in March. The date will be announced soon. Classes will be held at the Hickam Harbor office on Tuesday night with a group lesson on Saturday.

Sailing students will be trained to sail the Rhodes 19', the Catalina 14' and the Laser 12'. You'll learn everything from nautical terms, rope tying and navigation. Cost is \$160 per person which includes classroom sessions, U.S. Sailing materials and boat rentals. Call 449-5215 for more information.

**Dinner Theater**

The Hickam Officers' Club presents its popular 'dinner theater' program Feb. 26. Enjoy a 3-course dinner at the Officers' Club and then to Richardson Theater for the performance of "Miss Saigon."

The menu includes soup, tossed green salad, roast pork roulade, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, dinner rolls, iced tea and coffee. Dinner at 5 p.m., the bus leaves for the theater at 6:30 p.m. Curtain call is at 7:30 p.m. The bus returns to Hickam at approximately 10:30 p.m. Cost is just \$40 per person. Call 448-4608, Ext. 15 for information.

**11th Annual Enlisted Club golf tournament**

The 11th Annual Enlisted Club Golf Tournament is set for March 18. Enlisted Club members have priority for signing up for this outstanding event through March 2.

Registration is opened to other interested players Tuesday. Places fill up fast, so sign up now! Call the Enlisted Club at 449-1292 for reservations or more information.

**Golf clinic for beginners**

Mamala Bay Golf Course continues to offer great value in the sport of golf. A free golf clinic for beginners will be conducted Feb. 25, 5 to 5:45 p.m. Learn the basics of the game from the staff of Mamala Bay. The clinic is limited to the first 12 golfers who sign up. Call the MB Pro Shop at 449-6490 for details.

**New Zealand**

Ready for an international adventure? The Hickam Information, Tickets & Travel crew have just the ticket for you this March. ITT is taking a

trip way down under to the magical land of New Zealand.

Explore the natural splendor of this country on this nine-day tour of the South Island. Visit such places as Christchurch, Dunedin, Te Anau, Mildford Sound, Queenstown and Cook Mountain.

The tour package includes airfare, hotel accommodations, all guided tours and transfers. Cost is \$1,895 per person (double occupancy). Single occupancy supplement is \$350. Call ITT at 449-2230.

**Mokulus Islands by kayak**

Explore the beautiful Mokulus Islands by kayak Feb. 27 with Outdoor Recreation. Participants depart from Hickam Harbor office at 9 a.m.

Kayakers will have the chance to see fish and turtles as they paddle around the Mokulus and then land on the beach. Participants should bring water, lunch and sunscreen. This six-hour trip costs \$40 per person and includes transportation and all equipment rentals. Call Outdoor Rec at 449-5215 for more information.

**'Kids Night Out'**

Bring your kids to Kidsports Feb. 26 for 'Kids Night Out'. The event runs from 6-11 p.m. and includes dinner, movie, games and fun. Cost is \$15 per child. Only 24 slots are available so sign up early by calling Kidsports at 448-6611.

**Casino Lock-in**

The Hickam Teen Center is holding Casino Lock-in Feb.

26 at the center. The night includes casino games, bingo, cards and dancing to D.J. Delite. The lock-in will begin at 10 p.m. and run all night. Deadline to signup is Tuesday, Feb. 22. Cost is \$10 for Keystone Club members and \$15 for non-members. Call the Teen Center at 449-2233 for details.

**Childcare provider briefing required**

A pre-licensing briefing for prospective childcare providers is held the first Thursday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Family Childcare office located adjacent to the auto resale lot in building 2116.

Applicants must be base residents, 18 years old, a high school graduate, able to read and write English and pass a National Security check. Call the Family Childcare office at 449-1879 for full details. Please note that all persons caring for other families' children for a total of 10 hours or more per week must attend this briefing and get a license.

**Parent Advisory Board Meeting**

There is a Hickam Parent Advisory meeting set for Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Community Center, Maui Garden Room. The PAB meeting allows parents to meet the Chief of Family Programs Flight and CDC/FCC directors and ask questions about the programs or express their opinions. Parents are encouraged to attend. Bring your own lunch and eat while we discuss your child's CDC/FCC. Call the Main CDC at 449-9880, West CDC at 449-5230 or FCC office at 449-1879 for more information.

**Family Member Programs Flight Free Child Care****Extended Duty Child Care (EDC) Program**

EDC supports parents during Operation Enduring Freedom. The program arranges care for parents needing extended duty or emergency care in contracted family child care homes on base. The extended hours are for use by parents whose job requires them to work beyond their 50-hour per week child care arrangements – a situation which parents may be experiencing because of deployment or additional responsibilities. The intent of this program is to provide support to families who need care beyond their regular child care arrangements due to mission require-

ments.

**Returning Home Care**

Members returning from deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom may receive 16 hours of free child care upon the return to their home station and their family. This free child care will be provided by the Extended Duty Care homes. The care must be used within 30 days of return from an overseas deployment or a deployment exceeding 30 days.

**Mildly III Program (MIFCC)**

A family child care provider has been contracted to take care of mildly ill children who cannot attend their regular child care (CDC, FCC, School-age). There are no additional fees charged. Hours are Monday – Friday, 0600-1800.

**Child Care for PCS**

All Air Force personnel that PCS in or out of Hickam are eligible for 20 free hours of child care per child within 60 days of their arrival/departure. Members need to take a copy of their orders to the Family Support Center Relocation Staff. The FSC staff will give the member a certificate for the free 20 hours. The Family Support Center is located in building 1105, 449-0300.

**Childcare for Volunteers**

American Red Cross (ARC) volunteers working at official organizations within the 15th ABW, Headquarters PACAF, or tenant agencies, are eligible to have their child care paid by the Air Force Aid Society. Volunteers must have attended the ARC Volunteer Orientation. The ARC-Hickam Service Center will provide the volunteer with a time worksheet to be filled out by the child care provider. The Hickam American Red Cross is located in Bldg. 1105, 449-0166.

**Additional FCC Program - Subsidy Program**

Parents can pay the same fees at they would at a child development center by enrolling in a subsidized provider's program. Subsidy program is open to all full-time care (35+ hours a week) children 0-5 years old and school age children during the summer months. Fees are based on Total Family Income.

For additional information about any of these free programs and more information about the Subsidy Program, please call the Family Child Care office at 449-1879.





Michael Dey

Justin Weihi (7) makes a layup during the Basketball Skills Camp at the Hickam Youth Center on Wednesday.

## Hickam youth learn basketball skills during Fit-2-Win clinic

By 1st Lt. Craig Savage  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Hickam Keiki received basketball tips from School Age Program volunteers during a fitness clinic at the youth center gymnasium Tuesday.

The clinic was part of Fit-2-Win, a Pacific Air Forces initiative established to get sedentary children up and moving, according to Charlie Lewis, School Age Program coordinator.

"We want children to be healthy," Ms. Lewis said. "This program is designed to provide incentives for children to be physically fit."

More than 30 children, ages 4-12, participated in the five-stage circuit, learning everything from dribbling and shooting to jump stops and chest passes.

With that many hoop stars running around, volunteers are at a premium, Ms. Lewis said.

"I have so much fun teaching kids. I like being able to give back to a youth center I was involved with a long while back," said Arion Forbes, Air Force family member and University of Hawaii freshman.

A base youth center veteran since the fourth grade, Forbes has since coached Hickam youth basketball and helped out at the center as a volunteer.

"It's about helping keep our youth in shape and keeping them interested in positive activities rather than other distractions in life," said Beth Johnson, youth center volunteer assistant.

Hickam Elementary First-Grader Brian Tulaba, 7, gave silent validation of the pro-

gram, spending the event sporting a big grin.

The Hickam School Age Program, a before and after school program for kindergartners to sixth graders, provides tips on everything from cooking and cleaning to science, computer training and fitness.

"Our programs focus on helping the kids be more responsible, taking initiative, and being respectful to others," said Jarred Serrano, lead program assistant. "It's more than a day care. We try to implement programs that will help kids succeed while growing up."

Fit-2-Win hosts monthly events, from sports-a-thons to clinics, rewarding children's program participation.

For more information, contact School Age Programs at 449-2261.

## Falcons pin a loss on Orediggers, 37-12

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFP)** – Winning eight of 10 bouts, the Air Force Academy wrestling team dominated the Colorado School of Mines, 37-12, here Feb. 11. The Falcons improve to 5-4 in dual action, while the Orediggers drop to 3-6.

The dual began with the 133-pound bout, as Falcon Matt Benza went up against Garrett Eller. Benza was the first to score, getting a quick takedown. Benza dominated in the first period, accruing 14 back points to get the 16-0 technical fall in a time of 2:42.

At 141 pounds, Air Force's Jake Kriegbaum faced Chris Ferraro and scored a takedown at the 2:20 mark in the first period. A pair of near falls gave Kriegbaum a 7-0 lead before Ferraro managed an escape and subsequent takedown before the expiration of the first period. After an escape to start the second, Kriegbaum scored another takedown to go up 10-3. Ferraro chose the down position to begin the third period, getting a point with an escape. The margin was cut to four as Ferraro recorded a takedown, but Kriegbaum responded with a reversal in the waning moments of the match. With an extra point for riding time, Kriegbaum notched the 13-6 decision to put the Falcons up 8-0.

Bridger Lord was the first to score in the 149-pound bout, registering a takedown over Oredigger Brandon Pioreschi in the first minute of the match. With a 3-point near fall in the first, Lord took a 5-0 lead into the second period. After scoring an early escape, Lord recorded three takedowns in the second period to carry a 12-2 advantage into the final period. Lord was trapped in the down position for the first minute of period three, but scored an escape and takedown to go up 15-2. With 2:16 in riding time, Lord registered a 16-2 major decision.

Falcon Anthony Dorward and Jarrit Saul matched up at 157 pounds, with Dorward jumping out to an early 2-0 lead. Following an escape by Saul, Dorward registered the takedown that led to a fall in 1:36, his fastest of the season, as the Falcons went up 18-0.

The 165-pound match featured Air

Force's Beau Tresemer against Peter Jenson. Tresemer recorded a quick takedown, followed by a 2-point near fall, and retained the advantage for the remainder of the opening period. The second period opened with a reversal by Tresemer, but no more points were scored in the period. Tresemer started in the down position once more to begin the third period and scored a reversal with 30 seconds remaining. A 2-point near fall and 3:30 in riding time led to an 11-0 major decision for Tresemer, who notched his team-leading 28th win of the season, as Air Force went up 22-0.

The Orediggers scored first in the 174-pound match, with Zach Cornett getting a quick takedown against Air Force's Jacob Lynes. Cornett went on record a fall at 1:31, getting the first points of the night for the Colorado School of Mines, bringing the team score to 22-6.

Luke Lefever started out with a quick takedown against Dillon Blackmon at 184 pounds. Remaining in control for most of the period, Lefever got the fall, his 10th of the year, in a time of 2:23 as the Falcons extended their lead to 28-6.

Brenden McLean faced an evenly contested battle against D.C. Hazen at 197 pounds, as McLean registered an escape to begin the second period for the first point of the bout. Leading 1-0 at the end of the second, McLean began the third period in the top position. Hazen scored an escape to tie the match and took the lead after a point was awarded McLean's second warning. However, McLean accumulated 1:24 of riding time to force overtime. A takedown by McLean in the first sudden victory period gave him the 4-2 decision, as Air Force went up 31-6.

The heavyweight match saw Trey McLean face off against Derek Thompson, ranked fifth in the nation at the Division II level. McLean was unfazed by Thompson's national ranking, getting an immediate takedown and recording a fall in just 29 seconds.

With the Falcons forfeiting the 125-pound weight class, the match concluded as Air Force rolled to the 37-12 victory.

The Falcons wrestle again Feb. 18 in Lincoln, Neb.



# AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 7 p.m.

**ELEKTRA** – When Elektra is released from the hospital after a near-death experience, she becomes an assassin trained by a crew of killers known as the Order of the Hand. Their leader, Kirigi, sends Elektra on a mission to kill Mark Miller and his young daughter, Abby. Soon, however, Elektra befriends her would-be victims and defends them both from Kirigi's ninja assassins. But, standing up to The Order sentences her to death. Starring: Jennifer Garner, Terence Stamp. PG (action, violence).

Sunday 2 p.m.  
Wednesday and Thursday 7 p.m.

**RACING STRIPES** – In the middle of a raging thunderstorm, a traveling circus accidentally leaves behind some very precious cargo, a baby zebra. The gangly little foal is rescued by horse farmer Nolan Walsh, a champion thoroughbred trainer, and brought to his Kentucky farm. The Walsh farm borders the Turfway Racetrack where highly skilled thoroughbreds compete for horse racing's top honor, the Kentucky Crown. From the first moment Stripes lays eyes on the track, he's hooked. He knows that if he could just get the chance, he could leave all those other horses in the dust. What he doesn't know is that he's not exactly a horse. But with the help of the misfit troupe of barnyard friends and a teenage girl, he sets out to achieve his dream of racing with thoroughbreds. Starring: Voice of Frankie Muniz, Hayden Panettier. PG (mild crude humor and some language).



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# Crossword puzzle:

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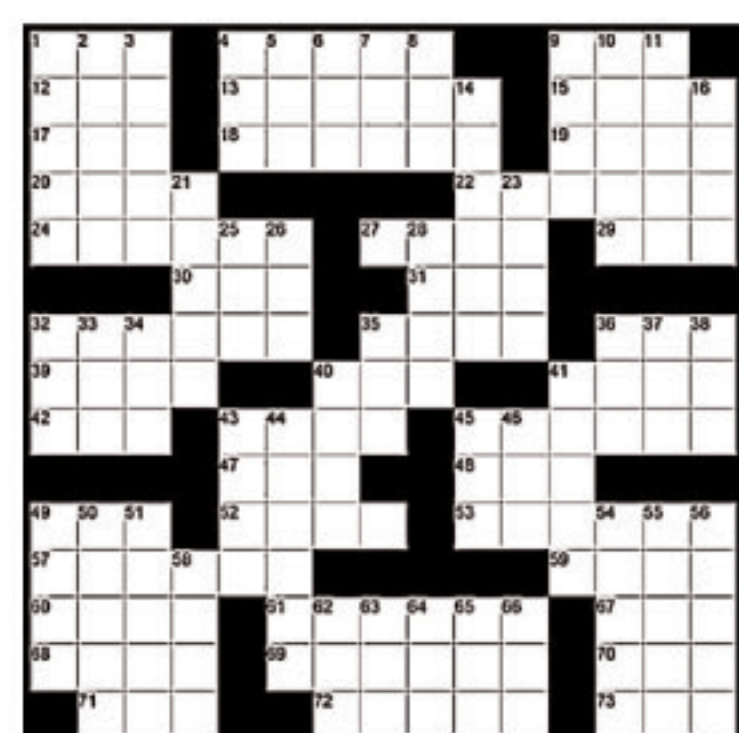
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35. Italian money, once
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43. Sgts.
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49. Former USSR spy org.
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61. Cell occupant
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68. Against
69. 33rd President
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73. Doctors' workplaces, in short

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1. Conform
2. 10th President
3. Plains Indian house
4. Guitar need
5. Morgue status, in brief
6. Picnic pest
7. Mil. meal
8. Offspring
9. Lanky
10. Animate
11. Chasm
14. Glass cutter
16. Grind down
21. Barbecue pit
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Vista

# President s Day



25. Summer drink
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28. Newspaper part
32. Dem. opponent
33. Golfer Ernie
34. Model Carol
35. \_\_\_\_\_ Vegas
36. La \_\_\_\_\_, Bolivia
37. Earlier
38. Lair
40. 38th President
41. Rest
43. Hawaiian bird
44. Card type
45. Existed
46. Bother
49. Hawaiian town
50. 18th President
51. Moistening; in cooking
54. Singer Mel
55. AFS in Alaska
56. Listens
58. Lean
62. Gun lobby
63. Cup
64. Dr.'s org.
65. Road material
66. USN rank

Solutions on B6

# Team Hickam History

The Air Force's most historic airfield

**Feb. 20, 1950** – Construction started on the new Hickam Elementary School, which received a low bid of \$323,750.

**Feb. 24, 1952** – Wheeler AFB was reactivated, upon expansion of the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, following a period of inactivation and minimum caretaker status since 1949.

**Feb. 24, 1982** – Capt Melvin S. Kaya assumed command of the 15th Services Squadron, replacing Capt Courtney L. Jordan, Jr.

**Feb. 23-24, 1983** – H. H. Aerospace Design Company, under contract to FAA and the DOD, visited Wheeler and Bellows to collect data and develop site concepts for joint-use plan to be submitted to Congress.

**Feb. 20, 1985** – Air Force civilian and military members got together at a Work Force Breakfast to reinforce the team concept and promote esprit de corps.

**Feb. 21, 1985** – 15th Air Base Wing, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, and 326th Air Division representatives flew to Hilo to brief Hawaii County Mayor Dante Carpenter on the Air Force's proposal to establish a Low Altitude Tactical Navigation (LATN) training area around the island of Hawaii.

**Feb. 24, 1989** – Hickam forces responded and provided support when a damaged United Airlines aircraft (Flight 811) landed at the Honolulu International Airport. The UAL aircraft was en route from Honolulu to New Zealand when its forward cargo hatch broke loose and tore away from the plane, taking with it part of the upper fuselage and rupturing the floor under the right side business class seats. The rapid decompression swept nine



passengers in the section to their deaths. The aircraft returned to Honolulu with two engines shut down. MSgt Timothy A. Skinner, Superintendent of Airfield Management, proceeded from his home to the flightline and observed debris and luggage falling out of the aircraft as it came to a stop on Runway 08L, at the intersection of Taxiway Echo at 0234L.

**Feb. 19, 1991** – General Jimmie V. Adams assumed command of Pacific Air Forces from Lt Gen Davis.

**Feb. 20, 1992** – The 65th Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, was redesignated the 65th Airlift Squadron.

**Feb. 22-25, 2002** – Senior leaders from the USAF and Indian AF joined for a conference at PACAF –

the first between the Air Forces since the U.S. lifted anti-nuclear sanctions against India in October 2001.

**Feb. 20, 2003** – The 65th Airlift Squadron marked the C-40's initial operational capability (IOC) with a dedication ceremony. Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC), Boeing, and 15 AW personnel attended the events and toured the aircraft.

**Feb. 24-25, 2003** – The Headquarters PACAF inspector general conducted an IRRI re-inspection of the 15AW due to a less than satisfactory rating in mobility during the August 2002 IRRI.



Photo by Mike Day

John Coughlin, Hickam Fire Emergency Services, instructs Airman 1st Class Paul Masoner on the equipment in the P-30 Rescue Vehicle Wednesday.

# Hickam Heritage

John Coughlin, Fire Emergency Systems Operations assistant fire chief

Jan. 1974 - July 1977: Staff Sergeant  
Hickam Fire Department training department  
Dec. 1977 - Present: Civilian

**More than just cats out of a tree:** Technology has effected us in so many ways. From lighter weight personal protective gear, on board computers, hi-tech vehicle control systems, automatic flow adjusting nozzles are just a few of our technological enhancements. The official title of our department is now Fire and Emergency Services, with the most noticeable and critical change has occurred in the quality of training that our new folks receive in the technical school pipeline. All Air Force firefighters are Nationally accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Council. The entry level course, 16 weeks long, delivers a well prepared young man or woman to our door.

**No matter what it is called now, it is still the place we hang our helmets:** The term fire 'house' is still most appropriate. Firefighters spend more time at the station that they do at home, with the average workweek 72 hours scheduled over three 24 hour shifts. Life in the fire house is a lot like living with family, some would say 'Adams' family, but a family just the same. We literally eat, sleep and work during our "day" of duty. My favorite part is not the 'house' itself, but the folks

that live in it. I know many of these folks as well or better than my own family. I have spent every other day with many of these folks for more than a quarter century.

**Junior in rank, side-by-side in responsibility:** With the worldwide operations tempo, many of our younger folks are called upon to fill roles of higher responsibility much sooner than was prevalent during my tour of active duty some 30 years ago. Our young military firefighters are competent and capable and stand shoulder-to-shoulder along side their older counterparts. 80 percent of our civilian employees previously wore the uniform - we were once the young firefighters - and now pass the tradition along to a new generation who is more than capable of carrying the torch.

**The EMS ceremony is more than symbolic:** We graduated our first paramedics in 1988. This year, we have formally accepted the role as the primary EMS provider for Hickam. The white and orange ambulances are now staffed by Hickam Firefighters and Paramedics. The base community now has a paramedic within 5 minutes of being at their side, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This is a major step forward for the entire community and rivals the best times and capabilities anywhere in the country. One can only imagine the lives that will be touched by this service.



Courtesy Photo

From right then-Staff Sgt. John Coughlin, Tommy Kikuchi, Louis Horikawa, Bob Cambra (sitting), George Kahao and Preston Battle pose aboard an F-6 Runway Foaming Unit at the Hickam Fire Department in June 1974.

**Give us your feedback**

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to

hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil.

Tell us what you think or would like to see in Kukini



# Hickam Heroes

**1st Lt. Ed Lopez**  
15th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst



**Show em the money:** My job touches everyone on base! From the moment they PCS into the base to the day they depart we are involved with them every step of the way. Our goal is to ensure everyone feels comfortable knowing that all their finances are in order. It definitely has an impact on everyone especially every 1st and 15th of the month.

**15th CPTS rocks because -** of the people working in the

squadron. They are what makes this organization a place to look forward to coming to every day. They really enjoy helping our customers and have shown me how important it is for everyone to communicate as a team. Everyone has a priceless piece of the puzzle but we all need to know about it to make it happen.

**What his supervisor says:** Ed is a great father, citizen and Airman. From volunteering endless hours in support of community events such as Honor Guard and Habitat for Humanity to providing wing staff agency units with complete financial analysis support, his contributions sets others up for success and enables others to complete their jobs with ease.

*Capt. Darnell Salley, 15th CPTS*

**Senior Airman Jake Penz**  
735th Air Mobility Squadron passenger service terminal representative



**Keep em moving:** The best thing about assisting customers at the terminal is to know that I provide a low cost, safe way to travel! A lot of the customers who come into the terminal are going home or on vacation, and knowing that the work that I do helps them get to those places is very satisfactory.

**My squadron coworkers are the best because:** When we are completing missions without a hitch, it reflects the teamwork and skill level of everyone around me. There is nothing we can't do working as a team. In the 735th AMS, we follow the squadron motto – 'Safely, by the book, and then on time.'

**What his supervisor says:** Jake is an exceptional professional and true all around Port Dawg. His desire to take on additional responsibilities is why he was selected to go

to Kwajalein Atoll and Richmond, Australia, where he assisted with the aerial port operations. Jake is a vital reason why the deployment of the Army's 25th Infantry Division has been a huge success. He's involved with booster club and plays intramural soccer.

*Master Sgt. Kevin Crane, 735th AMS*

To submit your Airman, NCO, CGO or civilian employee as a Hickam Hero send an e-mail to [hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil](mailto:hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil), subject line "Hickam Hero." Please provide phone number of nominee and their supervisor.

## Crossword puzzle solution



## CHAPEL

*Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.*

### PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel  
Sunday Contemporary  
Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship  
11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Praise Gathering  
5:30 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Traditional  
8:30 a.m.

### JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,  
Pearl Harbor  
473-0050  
Jewish Lay Leader  
Mr. David Bender  
527-5877  
Naval Station Chapel  
473-3971

### CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel  
Weekday Mass  
11:30 a.m.  
Saturday Confessions  
4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass  
5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass  
10 a.m.

### ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational  
Service  
(1935 Aleo Place,  
Punahou)  
1 p.m.  
Muslim Association  
of Hawaii  
947-6263

### BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii  
Betsuin A Shin  
Buddhist Temple  
536-7044

### ORTHODOX

For more information,  
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